1992-93 में 30.28% और वर्ष 1993-94 में 23.66% थी।

(ग) और (घ) जी हां। फल और सब्जी प्रसंस्करण उद्योग के लिए वर्ष 1993-94 में कुल स्थापित क्षमता 12.60 लाख टन होने का अनुमान है।

(ङ) और (च) स्थापित क्षमता के पूर्ण उपयोग के लिए फल और सब्जी की अनुमानित मात्रा 25.20 लाख टन है। फल और सब्जी का उपयोग करीब 11.80 लाख टन है।

(छ) स्थापित क्षमता के कम उपयोग का मुख्य कारण फल और सब्जियों की मौसमी उपलब्धता, प्रसंस्कृत फलों और सब्जी उत्पादनों के लिए घरेलू मांग की कमी और पैकेजिंग की ऊंची लागत है।

Fruit pulp in beverages

2886. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that lesser quantities of fruit pulp is being used in beverage which are produced under licence;

(b) whether Government have made any study of the surplus fruit available in the country;

(c) how does Government propose to increase the utilisation of fruit and fruit pulp in the country;

(d) whether Government are aware that a large number of fruit pulp producing units are working under-capacity; and

(e) what steps are being proposed to increase use of fruit in beverages and other processed food items?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No Specific study has been made in this regard.

(c) to (e) The capacity utilisation of fruit and fruit pulp processing unit which is normally assessed on the basis of 300 working days in a year, depends upon the availability of raw-materials. Unless the equipment installed is capable of handling and pulping different types of fruits that are available in different seasons, the capacity utilisation is expected to be low. With a view to encourage processing of more of fruits, the Government have declared fruits and vegetable processing industry as a high priority area and have allowed automatic approval for technology agreements, foreign equity investments, and have provided fiscal reliefs on capital goods for this industry. To encourage utilisation of fruits and pulps., the Government have provided excise duty exemption on all fruit and vegetable products including those of pulps and fruit pulp beverages. The Government is also implementing a number of plan schemes for promoting processing of fruits and vegetables.

Production of traditional non-carbonated drinks

2887. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any effort to encourage the production of traditional, non-carbonated drinks;

(b) if so, details of encouragement given to the producers of traditional Indian beverages;

(c) whether any subsidy is available for such producers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Office of the Development Commissioner, Small Scale Industries, through its field institutes encourages the development of agro-based food